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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with H. Warren Burnham on 9/15/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The abstract originally filed has been replaced with the abstract below, as was intended in Amendment A, filed 2/12/02.

ABSTRACT

A dispensing device of portable terminals for acquiring product data in a shopping centre comprises a plurality of static cradles for a corresponding plurality of portable terminals. The terminals are adapted to be withdrawn and used by the customers for acquiring product data. The dispenser has a customer verification unit which identifies each customer enabled to the use of the portable terminals, a communication unit for communicating to each identified customer a terminal to be withdrawn for carrying out the product data acquisition, and a control and data processing unit adapted to control the customer verification unit and the communication unit and to process the product data acquired through

said terminals. The plurality of cradles is housed into a substantially flat portion of the container provided in close proximity of the customer identification means so as to allow access to the plurality of terminals.

This amendment provides the abstract mentioned in Amendment A, dated 2/12/02. The finding of patentability in the Notice of Allowance dated 5/20/09 is not affected by this amendment.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFREY A. SHAPIRO whose telephone number is (571)272-6943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

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